in the buses. Special squads are deputed to check the driving habits of drivers on line and anyone found with faulty driving habits is sent for refresher course. An incentive reward to the tune of Rs. 1000/- is being given to the drivers with accident free record during the calendar year. Besides these steps., if the driver is found guilty for rash and negligence driving suitable departmental disciplinary action is taken including dismissal from service.

Meals in three-piece casseroles in Express trains

*229. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern Railway is going to improve the meals in all Express trains in three-piece casseroles service ;

(b) if so whether there is going to be a further price increase in the improvised service of meals ; and

(c) what steps Government have have taken to streamline the Dining/Pantry Car services in trains with particular stress on hygiene ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Three piece casserole service is being gradually extended.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Steps taken/proposed to be taken include modernisation of Base Kitchens for preparation of meals in hygienic condition and supply to pantry cars, use of disposable cups, casserole service, intensive inspections, provision of improved hot cases in pantry/dining cars.

Achieving 100 per cent literacy in some cities and states

*230. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Literacy Mission is taking special steps to have 100 per cent literacy by February, 1991 in four metropolitan cities and in the States of Kerala and Gujarat and if so, what special steps are envisaged therefor ; and

(b) what is the rate of increase in literacy in these cities and states during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) :

Statement

(a) The National Literacy Mission seeks to enlarge the base of the on-going Centre-based programme of RFLP and SAEP by launching volunteer-based mass campaign in selected areas with a view to mobilising and involving all sections of the society in the Mission, and achieving complete eradication of illiteracy in a specific area within a prescribed time schedule. The Mayors of the metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras have been requested to prepare and put into operation an Action Plan for this purpose.

In Gujarat, the Gujarat Vidyapith has launched a campaign to cover 35,00,000 illiterate